and would sustain itself without any change in the prevailing rates. This conviction I fully abare, and believe that, until the experiment of rendering it self-supporting by the measures which have been discussed shall have been made, it would be unwise and unjust to impose any additional burdens on the correspondence of the country.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR. The Secretary of War, John B. Floyd, reports the authorized strength of the Army at 13,165 men all told. On the lat of July, the date of the last complete returns, the actual number reached 17,498. Of this number there are not more than about 11,000 men available for active service in the field. These have been used in manning about 130 permanent garrisons, posts, and camps, scattered over an area of 3,000,000 square miles. The war with the Comanches and Kiowas is still unfinished, but measures are taken to subdue these tribes. The Secretary proposes to allow by law the enlistment of mounted men for six months, to be used in this frontier service. The plan, he thinks, would be economical and effectual. repeats the recommendation heretofore made relation to the staff corps, the general effect of which will be to throw open the staff duties to the whole army, to bring the staff and line officers into more frequent and intimate connection, and to provide for returning to their regiments such officers as may be found to have no aptitude for staff duties.

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Hoal to calls attention to the urgent necessity for an additional inspector-general; proposes a provision for retiring disabled and infirm officers, and again enforces the expediency of enlisting a corps of teamsters. The experiments made with camels are reported as successful, and a purchase of a full supply is advised. An increase of the medical staff is pronounced absolutely necessary. The coffee ration of the army is declared too small, and an increase asked for. An attempt has been made to reader the artillery service more effectual, by dividing the corps into two classes, one to garrison the more important permanent fortifications, where they can have the means of practice in heavy artillery, and the other to occupy posts where troops are required, as on the Indian frontier.

By a periodical exchange of the companies between the fortifications and field artillery posts, each company will have an opportunity of instruction and experience in all brunches of the arm, and at the same time share the hardships of actual service. Assistant-Sur-

ny will have an opportunity of instruction and experience in all branches of the arm, and at the same time share the hardships of actual service. Assistant-Surgeon Albert J. Myer has submitted to the Department a system of military signals which is found to work well and promises to be of great service. The estimates for the ensuing year are conformed to the last Congressional appropriations for the army, and are reduced nearly two millions below those of last year, and half a million below the actual appropriations made at the last session of Congress.

The Secretary thinks that the expenditures for the army are not incommensurate with the service rendered. The whole cost of the army proper, for its entire support and maintenance, reaches the sum of \$13,098, 225.72. During the past year the extra expenses incurred for the suppression of Indian hostilities in Washington and Oregon amounted to \$298,539 11 beyond what would have occurred but for these wars. Heavy expenses are likewise incurred for escorts to parties eawhat would have occurred but for these wars. Heavy expenses are likewise incurred for escoris to parties cagged upon service not pertaining to the legitimate duties of the army. The estimates from the Bureau of Ordanace are made to conform to the policy indicated by Congress, but the opinion is expressed that to abridge the manufacture of arms is of doubtful account. Ordance are made to conform to the policy indicated by Congress, but the opinion is expressed that to abridge the manufacture of arms is of doubtful economy. The experiment of substituting iron for wood in gun-carriages is pronounced successful. Some improvements in the form of caunon have been introduced, and experiments are still going on in these, and in relation to rifle-cannon and projectiles. Preparations for the manufacture of breech-loading arms, which are considered very valuable, are recommended. The existing law for arming and equipping the militia is considered defective, and attention called to it. No additional appropriations are asked for coast defenses, but the Secretary renews his suggestion that some provision be made so secure our sea ports, especially New-York, from the danger of attack. It is suggested that all completed permanent forts be lighted with gas, both for safety and economy. The claims upon Government for volunteer service are urged upon the attention of Congress. By the report on Explorations and Surveys, it appears that the military road from Fort Walla Walla to Fort Benton, for which a special appropriation was made, has been commenced, and nearly two hundred and sixty miles of it completed. Steamboats can navigate the Oregon river to Fort Walla Walla, and the Missouri river to Fort Benton, thus affording, excepting for the distance of six hundred wiles in the form of the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the form months of the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the form months of the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the form months of the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in the safety of the distance of six hundred wiles in th Walla, and the Missouri river to Fort Benton, thus affording, excepting for the distance of six hundred miles, a line of steamboat communication between the Atlantic and Pacific, across the widest portion of our possessions. For the completion of this road, which is deemed very important, a further appropriation is needed. Reliable information has been recently furnished to the Department of the existence of great mineral wealth in the mountains through which a portion of the read pages. The experiments in sinking mineral wealth in the mountains through which a por-tion of the road passes. The experiments in sinking artesian wells are considered, so far as any expectation of overflowing the Western plains is concerned, as a failure. A large amount of geographical and scientific information has been added, at small cost, through the labors of the different field parties, to our through the labors of the different held pirtes, to who wiedge of the resources of the regions west of the Mississippi. The expedition to explore the country in the vicinity of the San Juan River, and to search for a practicable route between Santa Fé and Southern Utah is completed, but the result is not yet reported. That to explore the sources of the Yellow Stone and That to explore the sources of the Island Spring. It is recommended that a corps of fifty men be enlisted for all such expeditions. Attention is called to the report of Lieut. Michler's survey of an inter-occanic Ship Canal near the Isthmus of Darien, via the Atrato

for all such expeditions. Attention is called to the report of Lieut. Michler's survey of an inter-occanic Ship Canal near the Isthmus of Darien, via the Atrato and Truando Rivers. A small appropriation is needed to complete the survey. The wagon-road upon the 35th parallel, reaching from Fort Smita, Arkansas, to the Colorado of the West, is completed as far as the appropriation would do it. It is now sufficient for any travel of troops, military supplies, or emigrants. The Secretary is satisfied that the preservation of right and justice, through the means of any jurisprudence known or recognized by the people of the United States, is impossible in the Territory of Utah. The Mormons, he observes, are exempt from Indian hostilities, and therefore need no protection; and as in the present attitude of affairs in that Territory there seems to be no need for the presence of an army, the troops there will be otherwise disposed of the coming season. The murdere of emigrants, it is asserted, are perpetrated by Mormons disguised as Indians. The conduct of General Johnston in his command, and in opening roads in that region, is highly commended. Capt. J. H. Simpson opened two new routes from Camp Floyd in California, either of which is about two hundred and fifty miles shorter than the old emigrant route by the way of the Humboldt River, and far better for grass, wood, and water. The saving in time of travel by these roads to emigrants for California is about fifteen days, and for the mails about four. The saving in stock and draught cattle on these routes over those formerly traveled, owing to pure water and abundant grass, is estimated at twenty-live per cent. Captain Simpson has also found a new wagon road pass from the Valley of the Great Salt, and for the last Summer has been greater than for some years past. That at Brownsville, following the abandonment of Fort Erown, is capecially alluded to. The report asserts that the condition of things along the whole extent of our Mexican boundary, some sixteen hundred mile

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. Mr. Secretary Toucey reports the successful issue of the expedition to Paraguay. Its cost has been defrayed out of the ordinary appropriations for the Navy, except the sum of \$280,000 appropriated for the charter or purchase of the six propellers and one side-wheel steamer of light draught, which it was necessary to have to ascend the Rivers Parana and Paraguay. These vessels have been bought by the payment of \$151,307, in addition to the \$137,393 due for their charter. They have since been fitted for the service in which they are now engaged. Five of them are em-ployed on the coasts of Africa and Cuba; one between the Washington and Gosport Navy Yards, in lice of the Washington and Gosport Navy Yards, in lice of the Water-Witch, which has also been sent to the coast of Cuba; and the other, the side-wheel steamer, in the La Plata and its tributaries, as part of the Brazil squad-ron.

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the African Slave Tride. Fight steamers have been
detailed to suppress the Tride, four to craise on
the coast of Guinea, and an equal number on the coast
of Cuba, two on each side of the island. It is intended
to employ another steamer to cruise between NewOrleans, Mobile, Pensacola, and Key West, for that
and other purposes, as soon as she can be spared from
other objects.

Since the commencement of the present Administra-

tion, twenty steam vesseis have been added to the Navy—thirteen by construction, and theafore-montioned seven by purchase. The cost of these twenty had been less than five millions of dollars. The surpension of improvements in the Navy Yards according to the policy of the last Congress has saved three millions of dollars out of the appropriations for the Navy, and the same policy, if pursued the current year, will save a million or a million and a half more, thus nearly indemnifying the Treasury for the cost of the twenty vessels. The Secretarythinks, therefore, that the country can afford, as if needs, further additions to its Navy. The marine and medical corps, he also thinks, should be increased. The Naval Academy is reported as in a state of increasing efficiency. The Department, on the 1st of May last, made a contract with the Chiriqui Improvement Company and Ambrose W. Thompson, subject to the approval of Congress, for the right of way through the province of Chiriqui, the use of harbors, grants of land and cosl-mines, for which the United States is to pay, if Congress approves, the sum of \$300,000. The privileges the Secretary esteems of great value. The Navy Yards are all reported in good condition. The Superintendent of the Naval Observatory asks for a larger force, and a small appropriation is recommended for the Nautical Almanac. The appropriations and expenditures for three years are thus reported:

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For the support of the navy and marine corps, and all other objects under the control of the Navy Department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858, the estimates were \$13,863,212 77; appropriation, \$14,240,-247 22; expenditures, \$13,870,684 76.

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The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1861, are \$11,244,845 63—that is to say, for the Navy proper, \$9,577,115 58; for the marine corps, \$699,736,65, and for all other objects, \$567,994.

The Report is chiefly taken up with an account of how different squadrons and ships have been employed during the past year.

CITY ITEMS.

A SNOW SQUALL-SKATING IN THE CENTRAL PARK .- Night before last Mynheer Jack Prost paid as an old-fashioned holiday visit, accompanied by such a train of nor'-west blasts as made it evident that he had not come merely to make a night of it, but to stay a while with his Dutch friends hereabout, and perhaps setlite snugly down into Winter quarters. Yesterday morning there was, in sooth, "a nipping and eager air; the milkman's fluid froze in his can, and his cheery call stuck in his throat, like Macbeth's Amen; the breath of the ruddy-faced clerks and merchants, who filled the store-ward bound cars, frosted itself on the windows in as fair glistening diamonds as ever dropped from mouth of good little maiden in a fairy tale; the train of nor'-westers abovenamed brought with them mantles of dark, gray clouds, overspreading the sky, and before noon the snow-flakes came hurrying down -not, as oftentimes in stiller days, large, spangled and feathery-but sharp and quickly, and pattering against every window in "flaw-blown sleet."

The storm should have happened two days earlier to have given us the hopeful chances of the old proverb:

When Christmas is white, Ye graveyard is lean; But fat is ye graveyard When Christmas is green.

But, though Christmas was barren of snow, the past month has been for the most part, clear and dry enough to avoid the surfeiting of graveyards, and we believe the health of the city was never better than at the pres ent moment.

It was announced on Tuesday evening that the ice en the skating-pond in the Central Park had been cleaned, and would be flooded that night. The excessive cold glazed it beautifully, and the hundreds who made their way thither at an early hour yesterday morning found it in better condition for skating than it has hitherto been this season. The winds were icy, but this glorious exercise defieth the north winds, and maketh the face to glow against the sleety blast. Soon the pond was alive with skaters, mostly youths, who labored somewhat on the upward route, but came south, before the gale, with the swiftness of an arrow, and with that excellent thrill which no stay-at-ho

ever experiences.

By and by, when the wind blew more lustity, laden with the first spies of the snow-army, it was inspiriting to see how the skaters held their own against the enemy; how the merry laugh and loud hallo rang musically above the clamor of the gale; how the sleet struck the clear, glistening ice, only to slant and glide off and away till it formed a porcelain terrace along the south-ward rim; how, sticking here and there, it lastly made little ridges on the surface, against which eftsoons some rapid skater would catch and stumble-sliding, full length, "a red, perch, or pole"; how, gradually, to one after another, the more thickly driving squall, or the healthy appetite-to give which this sport is your best called up thoughts of glowing mince-pies at home. And so, at 1 o'clock, the pond was almost deserted, and thoughts of "the sledges with their bells, silver bells"-of snow-drifts and snowboots, and furs-of the shivering poor, houseless, or in dark, freezing cellars-of all the merriment, labor, and woe, that a heavy snow-storm brings to the great city -such thoughts as there seemed next the order of the

When, presto! what a change. The wind veered round; the clouds floated mostly away; the snow-squall ceased; the thermometer fell; people took their lanch; at 3 o'clock the cry was: Away to the Pond again! Soon the ice was once more crowded with skaters; the avenue cars brought not only the hundreds of the morning, but thousands and thousands, too many to count and too scattered to calculate, and the shores of the Pond again rang with hurrals from young and old. Excellent management has characterized the Central

Park improvements from first to last, and no one feature of their importance to New-Yorkers has been as yet so fully and practically appreciated as the luxury of a skating-pend. A vast number of young Knicker-bockers have learned this beautiful art, which boys, with their wholesome instinct, so eagerly attempt and so quickly achieve. As many more middle-aged, and even gray-haired citizens, have revived a sport that was the glory of their youthful Winters, ere yet the march of brick and mortar had filled up the pond above the canal, or countless steamers broke the ice along the North River shores.

Last night the sharp, clear, cold weather gave evidence that at least another day would be added to the Yule-tide carnival of skaters.

BULL's HEAD .- Considering this is "Christmas week," when everybody and his neighbor is expected to feel merry, there was a decided lack of jollity among the cattle drovers in Forty-fourth street yesterday. Of all but first-class bullocks there was an overstock on Tuesday, yet not so much so as after the arrival of 500 head of fresh stock on Weenesday morning. "This knocked the market endwise," we heard remarked. It certainly knocked down the price, and it was with great difficulty that buyers could be found for all the cattle in market. Indeed, the yards looked at 4 o'clock as though some five or six hundred head must remain unsold. The price, estimated upon the weight of beef each animal would make, varied from five to eleven cents a pound. Full particulars of this important branch of trade are given every week in all editions of THE TRIBUNE; and next week the tables, which we publish annually in the first week in January, will be well worthy the attention of all who proce or consume meat, or buy and sell all kinds o butchers' animals.

The Hon. John McLecd Murphy lectures to-night at .Clinton Hall upon the "Condition of American Naval Architure," a subject upon which he has had every op-

By reference elsewhere it will be seen that two bonds of the South-West Branch of the Pacific Railroad Co. have been lost, and a reward offered for their

A NEW MOZART HALL. - The N. Y. Evening Post recovery. mes that Mayor Wood has a fund of \$150,000 with

which he is going to erect a new Morart Hall, as a headquarters for the Anti-Tammanyites, in Fourteenth street, opposite the Academy of Music.

THE NEW CITY OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE .-Fernando Wood and Greene C. Bronson, Mayor and Corporation Coursel elect, appeared together at the Mayor's Office yesterday morning, and were sworn in by Mayor Tiemann. The following is the form subscribed to by both:

I, Fernando Wood, de selemn'y swear that I will appert the
Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the
State of New-York; and that I will faithfully discharge the deties of the office of Mayor of the Gry of New-York according
to the best of my ability.

FERNANDO WOOD.

Subscribed and sworn befores me, the 2mh day of December,
1839.

DANIEL F. TIEMANN, Mayor.

The new administration will take possession on Monday next, at noon.

Of the subordinates, it has generally been understood hitherto that a clean sweep would be made, at least, in the Mayor's office. Nothing but rumor exists at present as to the new appointers. Col. Burnham of the Twenty-second Ward, who served in the Mexican war with the New-York volunteers, will, it is said, have the place of Marshal Stephens, who has performed the duties of the Marshalship for the past six years. Mr. Hinchman, Assistant Marshal, under Stephens, who has been in office for a great many years, will probably retain his place. Beside these. s now asserted that the present interpreter, Mr. Herbst, and assistant clerk, Mr. Arcularius, will also remain. The successors of Col. Delevan, City Inspector, and Capt. Smith, Street Commissioner, have not been announced.

ICE IN THE RIVERS .- The high wind of Tuesday night broke the ice, up river, and Wednesday morning the North and East Rivers were filled with floating ice. The pack was not dense enough to seriously impede steam navigation, and the ferry-boats were able to make their trips with reasonable regularity.

A SUGGESTION-THE WORLD'S HYMN FOR NEW

A SUGGESTION
YEAR'S—SUNDAY.

"Jeans shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run," &c.
Christian ministers of every mane are respectfully reminded of
this suggestion, which has been adopted in many charches, as presenting a simple and practicable mode in which
"People and realms of every tongue"
may once a year unite in the same act of praise to the Savior of
Man.

A CLERGYMAN.

MISTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE. - The Richmond County Gazette of Dec. 28, has the following:

"About three weeks since a young man by the name of Albert Sands, resident of Milton, Ulster Co., and son of the late David Sands, formerly well known as an extensive land owner near which was due his family from several persons residing near the Quarry. He collected the money, in several sums amounting in all to \$160, and about 30 clock in the afternoon left the horse of a Mr. Foster to go to another house about a quarter of a mile distant, since which time be has not been heard of. One day list week, his brothers, George and Welter, becoming alarmed at his long absence, came to the Island to inquire after him, but could learn no particulars beyond what we have stated. They have taken measures to obtain further information if possible. The young man is represented as of perfectly good character, and his friends suppose him to have been murdered. A portion of the noney collected belonged to himself, and it was understood that he would receive about \$70 more than the sum we have asmed, but whether he did receive that amount is not known." County Gazette of Dec. 28, has the following

wagon loaded with malt, belonging to Mr. Betta, a brewer, while standing on the track of the Hudson River Railroad at Forty-nixth street, was run into by a train of cars, and completely demolished. The borses, wagon, driver, and malt, were scattered promiscoonsly around, but the only damage assistance was the coast of the wagon. No blame can be attached to the engineer, as the wagon was carclessly left on the track when the train was expected.

A WOMAN SCORNED.—On Saturday evening last, a young mulatte girl named Jane Watkins met a young colored men named James Adams, and informed him that his wife was false to him. Adams thereupon invited her into a saloon, that he might obtain the full particulars of his wife's infide-lity. While discussing the matter, the injured partner of Adams shoom came in, whereupon a general row ensued, during which it is alleged. Adams stabled the bearer of evil tidbugs with a knife, inflicting a severe wound in the arm. Miss Watkins preferred a complaint sgainst Adams, and Justice Brennan locked him up to answer.

A FIGHT AND STABBING .- A couple of workmen employed in an iron safe manufactory on the east side of city got into a fight about some trifle, when one of them, mund Bass, picked up a chisel and gonged his adversary, Defries, in several places, inflicting severs wounds in his and abdomen. Bass was arrested and held to ball to answer Justice Brennan.

Coroner Gamble held an inquest yesterday upon the body of an unknown man, who was found dead at the foot of the control of the

INCENDIARY FIRE.-The stable of Minthorne Tompkins, on Staten Island, was set on fire on Monday night, and destroyed. A horse of Dr. Lee and the coachman in his employ escaped from the building with great difficulty.

A LARGE AND EXTENSIVE STOCK OF FASHION-A LARGE AND EXCENSIVE amounting to \$150,000, must be sold before the 15th day of January next. All manufactured within the last two mouths.

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Over 50 Robes de Chambre, of exquisite taste and style; also, furnishing Goods of every description.

Partice's rattention is given to the Children's Department Ladies, postes call and examine for yourselves.

Great inducements will be offered to persons wishing to buy stridles in the above line, as this entire stock will be sold for cost, or even less, seoner than to carry it over—saving fully 25

F. B. Baldwin, Nos. 70 and 72 Bowery.

GIRLS AND WOMEN SHOULD UNDERSTAND PHERNOLOGY TO ENABLE THEM TO avoid selfish and immora men, and also to direct properly the training and education of children. Examinations at Fowlers & Wells', 303 Broadway.

The Dramatic Profession will find that Bron child yields to the soothing influence of Mrs. M. N. Gardner' Indian Balsam of Liverwort and Hourhound. It may be sound at the druggists generally.

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faults, so to Prof Fowner, 308 Broadway, N. Y., and have
your character written out in full. It would be the best thing to
which you can treat yourself or friends during the Holidays.

THE SCENES IN ELFRIDA, THE RED ROVER'S DATORTER, are laid both on SNA AND LAND, and the Proprietors of THE NEW-YORK MERCHAY SHIPLE for it a popularity never heretofore schieved by any story of Metropolitan line published in this country. The ILLUSTRATIONS by DARLEY will stamp indelishly upon the minds of all who read the tale its most starting incidents and the publishers feel assured that as a triumph of LITERARY GENTES, embellished with rare Grass of Pictorial ARY, "EFRIDAL THE RER ROVER'S DATORTER," will be the unear exercise the services of the starting incidents and the most of literature to which it belongs. "Mysteries and Miscress of New Lock", by NED RENTLINE, is mor ready in THE criss of New Lock", by NED RENTLINE, is mor ready in The RENT CRISS. THE MERCHY is the largest, cheapest and best of the family papers. Under your new apper carrier to leave it regularly at your house.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. The usual monthly Social and Musical Soirée was held last evening in the rooms of the Association, at the Brooklyn Institute. It being Christman-week, the Committee spared no pains to make the affair creditable and agreeable. The rooms were beautifully and emblematically decorated with wreaths, festoons, and appropriate mottoes, and the assemblage of ladies and gentlemen (a recent feature with this Association, the atroduction of Jadies into their social gatherings having succeeded so admirably) made the rennion the most brilliant of the season." The Rev. Mesers. Milburn, Harris, and others made able addresses, refreshments were served, and the music was of superior quality. Messra. Coffin and Kimberly excelled upon their flutes. and the quartets and duets by Mrs. Parsons, so prano, assisted by Miss Middleton and Messra. Bassett and Cotton, charmed the audience. Mr. Swift enivened the party with a comic medley, and the duet, Silence," by Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Bassett, with Mrs. P.'s rendering of Handel's "Angels ever bright and fair" (although all parties were volunteers and amateurs), were all that could be desired. Mr. Phelps

THE FERRY OURSTION .- The argument upon the Ferry injunction having by consent been postponed until the 5th of January, the meeting called for at the City Hall last evening did not take place, there being othing for it, under the circumstances, to act upon The resolutions of the New-York Common Conneil providing for the sale of the lease, it is contended, will cease to be operative before that time, and any future proceedings on the subject will have to be commenced

CONCERT BY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN .- A COR cert in aid of the Brooklyn Tabernacle was held at the church in Fulton avenue, near Hoyt street, yesterday afternoon and evening, to crowded audiences The programme embraced music on the piano, and vocal music by adults and children. One hundred children from eight different Sunday-Schools sang the songs, and were joined in chorus by 300 more. The church was neatly decorated for the occasion, and everything passed off in an agreeable manner.

RESIGNATION.—The Rev. S. A. Baker recently resigned the pestorate of the First Congregational Church of this city. He preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT-CHAMBURS - Dec. 28.-Before Justice BEAVY RAILROAD SUIT.
Charles Howard et al. agt. The Detroit and Milwankee Railroad

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In this case it was claimed that the plaintiff had built the road for the defendants, and that they were indebted to him in the sum of \$173,000. Subsequently, the defendants became consolidated with the North-Western Railroad, and, it was alleged repudated the plaintiff's claim. Plaintiff then levied an attachment upon some \$200,000 of bonds belonging to defendants moved to set aside the attachment, on the grounds:

That the plaintiff was non-resident, and, therefore, not entitled to an attachment.

That Mr. Beach was not the agent of the Company, and that the bonds in question were not their property.

That the defendants had no property in this State.

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After hearing argament of counsel, the Court denied the motion, with liberty to renew as to point of non residence.

For plaintiff, D. P. Field and John W. White; for defendants, Burrill & Davison.

Davison. CIRCUIT—DEC. 28.—Before Justice JAMES.

SULT FOR ABVERTISING.

James D. Sarvey agt, the Mount Vernon Railroad Co.

This was an action for the recovery of the amount of a note, made by the defendants in favor of the New-Yor Handels Zeitung, as a consideration of an advertisement an intuing said paper, and by him indorsed to plaintiff. The Company denied every allegation, and set up that the note we passed to plaintiff with our consideration. Judgment was give for plaintiff for \$203.86, the amount claimed, with interest.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL TRAM-DEC. 28.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—GREEN I TREE—DEC. 22.—
Before Judges Date, Brady, and Hillyon.
Thomas Haily act. William Johnson, &c.
Hillon, J.—This action was brought to foreclose a mechanic's lien against the defendant Johnson, as contractor, and the defendant Burton and Beman, as owners. Others were parties to the action also, but for the purpose of this appeal it is unnecessary to refer to them. Separate defenses were interposed by the same storney for the contractor and owners. On the came heling called for trial, application was made for a dismissed of the constitute a cause of action. This view was facilities in by the Court, and the complaint was accordingly continued with these.

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concurred in by the Court, and the complaint was accordingly Commend with court at Special Term having determined that he did right, the plaintiff appeals.

The clerk showed to these defendants separate bills of costs, and the Court at Special Term having determined that he did right, the plaintiff appeals.

On reflection, I am satisfied that this allowance was erroneous, and ought not, under the peculiar circumstances of this case, to he sustained. The defendants having appeared by the same atterney, there was no necessity for their putting in separate defenses as the complaint was clearly insufficient to justify the belief that any recovery could be had upon the facts stated in it. Sender, they were not put to the trounie or expense of embi-labing their separate defenses, and therefore cannot be said to have sustained that expense for which costs are given as an injecunity. (Code, sec. 202.)

The complaint having been dismissed without any trial of the same raised by the answer, seems to me to sufficiently establish the fact that their defenses were of a nature that could have een joined, as the only question presented at the trial would are arisen upon a demorrer interposed in their joint behalf, field agt. Links, 8 abbott P. R. 34.)

For these reasons I think the order made by me at Special erm should be reversed, and the Code.

For these reasons I think the order made by me at Special erm should be reversed, and the Clerk directed to readjust the sta and allow but one bill to the defendants Burron, Bennen, in Johnson. Ordered accordingly; no costs of this appeal to ther party.

MARRIED.

BENJAMIN-SECOR-In this city, on Monday, Dec. 26, in the Twenty-first-street Reformed Duich Charch, by the Rev. Mr. Van Nest, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Bethane, Mr. Gabriel P. Benjamin to Miss Josephine Secor.

BENNETT-MOREHOUSE-In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, by the Rev. Joseph Thompson, Mr. David Bennett of Newtown, Conn., to Miss Fanny A. Morehouse of Darien, Conn.

Newtown, Conn., to Miss Fanny A. Morehouse of Darien, Conn.

MAYER-FIELD—At Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, Mr. John S. Mayer of this city to Miss Mary L. Field, daughter of William Field, eaq, of the former place.

RENNIE-FANNING—In Brosklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the Church of the Hely Trinty, by the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Lewis, John J. Rennie of New-York to Miss Fannie Ids, only daughter of the late Dr. D. O. Fanning of this city.

SMITH—TICKER—In this city, on Monday, Dec. 26, by the Rev. Edmond F. Haffield, D. D. Wm. W. Smith, esq., of Stamford, Conn., to Miss Sarah B. Tucker of South Norwalk, Conn.

DIED.

BELL—On the ovening of Tuesday. Dec. 27, Mrs. Margaret Bell, widow of James, after a short illues.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the Smeral from the residence of her son, Wm. G. Bell, No. 375 Grand street, at 19 o'clock to-day (Thursday). Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

CLINTON—On Tuesday. Dec. 27, of consumption, at No. 359 Greenwich street, Mary, wife of the late Peter Clinton.

FARGEE—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, Mrs. Hannah Fargee, aged 34 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Edwin F. Corey, No. 21 Rutger street, this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

Frovidence, Fall Rivers, and Lynn papers please copy.

GRADE—In this city, on Monday, Dec. 38, of consumption.

Maris Grade, only daughter of the late Charles Grade, aged 11 years.

years.

Gil.ROY—At Yonkers, on Monday, Dec. 12, 1859, W. T. M.

Gilroy, youngest son of the late George Gilroy.

HIGENBOTTOM—On Thesday, Dec. 27, at 5 o'clock p. m.,

Daniel L., eldest son of Samuel B. and Maria L. Higenbottom,

aged 5 years, 6 months and 24 days.

The funeral will take piece from their residence, corner of A
lattic and Washington avances, Brooklyn, W. D., on Thursday, the 29th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The friends will attend with
out parties invitation.

hartic and Washington avances Brooklyn, W. D., on Thorsday, the 19th, at 2 e'clock p. m. The friends will attend with esti inviter invitation.

HAYCOCK—In this city, on Toesday morning, Dec. 27, Catharine A., daughter of the late Wim. G. Haycock.

JEWELL—In this city, on Toesday, Dec. 27, of droppy, Procley B. Jewell, and 52 years and 7 mouths.

JONES—In this city, on Toesday, Dec. 27, after a linguring illness, John E. Jones, in the 22d year of his age.

KIMBAIM—In this city, on Monday, Dec. 26, Emeline, relict of Gardiner W. Klmball, aged 51 years.

NEVIUS—In Jersey City, on Wednesday, Dec. 27, the Hon. James S. Newins, formerly Justice of the Supreme Court of New-Jersey, in the 64th year of his age.

New-Jersey, in the 64th year of his age.

PECK—At Flushing L. L. on Toesday evening, Dec. 27, Agnes, wite of Isane Peck, in the 11st year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at St. George's Church, Flushing, on Friday next, the 30th inst., at 10 clock p. m. The steamer Enoch Dean leaves Faiton Market slip at his o'clock a. m. and rotarring cars leave at 3 o'clock p. m.

PARDCE—At Port Chester, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, Mr. Thoms Furder, aged 62.

His relatives and friends are requested to attend his funeral freen the M. E. Church, and Thurday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

PHINNEY—In Richmond, Ashtabela Co., Ohio, on Monday, Dec. 18, 120, Elizabeth S., wile of C. W. Phinney, formatry of Cherryheid, Me., aged 31 years.

Mr. P. united with the M. E. Church, some four years since. She lived and died a devoted Christian, and leaves a large innity and a large circle of friends who deeply meant her less. Maine papers please copy.

PURSER—In Brooklyn, on Menday, Dec. 26, Mr. John Edward Pures, late of the City of Dublin, aged 64 years.

Milth Hartelland of the City of Dublin, aged 64 years.

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Milth Linetts Smith. Both died y murtil sore throst, and were buried in the same grave.

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Ham Turell.

Funeral from St. Thomas's Church, on Thursday merning at 10 o'clock. Her friends and those of the family are invited to attend without further invitation.

VAN HORN—On Tuesday, Dec. 77, Phebe Jane Van Horn, aged 35 years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Thursday, at 10 clock p. m., tress bet late residence, No. 51 Chariton street.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28-P. N. There was considerable heaviness in opening trans-actions at the morning Board, and the bear movement egainst Central continued with considerable vigor, with fewer transactions, however, than for some days past. The heaviness in Galena, also, under a rumor that the February dividend would be payable in stock, had a depressing effect upon the general market. Toward the close of business, however, there was more firmness, and the market appeared to have touched bottom for the present. The parties operating for the rise did not pursue their tage with much nerve, and, after a recovery of | P cent in Central, and | to | P cent in the rest of the market, the list after the Second Board was heavy in latest sales. The change was not very important, excepting in Central, which fell off to 75 bid, after selling at 751, and 75 in the morning. Galena sold as low as 64) at the first session, but recovered to 64). The rumor of a scrip dividend is doubtless a atreet fabrication. A dispatch from Chicago states that there is no foundation for the story. The dividend, however, is offered here at 3; P cent. Rock Island sympathized with the market, but was firmer at the close. Other Western shares were inactive and without noteworthy change. Pacific Mail is ustained with considerable steadiness, but was offered at the close at 76]. Panama appears to have attracted the attention of the bears and was sold as low as 1277. seller sixty. Reading was among the firmest stocks, but the business in it was very light, there being no registered sale at the morning Board. Erie remains steady at 81. The "essents" to the scheme of reorganization we understand exceed \$19,000,000. Parties in interest who desire to participate in this scheme should send in their assents at once, as the privilege expires on the 1st prox. In State stocks there was very little done, and quotations are unchanged. Railroad bonds of first-class character are well sustained. The Ericissues are in some speculative demand at a slight concession on asking prices. The closing prices were: Virginia 6s, 941 2941; Missouri 6s, 831 2 84; Pacific Mail, 76[276]; New-York Central Railroad, 751@75); Erie Railroad, 81@8]; Hudson River Railroad, 41 2411; Harlem Railroad, 81 39; Harlem Railroad Preferred, 34 2341; Reading Railroad, 411 2 41; Michigan Central Railroad, 38; #39; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, 5; #6; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Guarante 161 v 161; Panama Railroad, 128 v 1281; Illinois Central Railroad, 58 258; Galens and Chicago Railroad, 64; 264; Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, 192194; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, 63 2631; Illinois Central 7s, 841 @85.

The market for foreign bills is quiet, and the tenleney of rates downward. Sterling is nominally 108 @1091; Francs, 5.20 @5.171.

Freights to Liverpool: 250 bales Cotton at 1d.; 100 tes. Beef at 3s. 9d.; 20 tuns heavy Goods at 20s. To London; 50 tuns Bacon at 22s. 6d.; 100 bbls. Pork at 3s. 6d.; 300 boxes Cheese at 40s.; 100 tee. Beef at 5s.; 300 bbls. Rosin on private terms. To Glasgow: 100 ter. Beef at 7s.; 20 tes. Lard at 40s.; 5 tuns Seed at

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, \$688,348 56; for Customs, \$92,000; Payments, \$204,394 57; California Drafts, \$30,000; Balance \$5,401,103 79. Included in the receipts are \$500,000,

on account of Treasury notes.

The Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company ave declared a semi-annual dividend of 24 P cent, payable on the 1st of February. The road is now

doing a larger business than ever before. The Bank of Commerce has declared a dividend of 31 \$\mathbb{P}\$ cent, payable on the 3d of January prox. The American Fire Insurance Company has declared an interest dividend of 5 V cent, payable Jan. 3. The Great Western Marine Insurance Company has declared the usual emi-annual interest dividend of 31 P cent on its cash apital of \$1,000,000. The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank will pay interest at the rate of 6 \$\psi\$ cent \$\psi\$ amount on deposits of \$500 and under, and at the rate of 5 \$\psi\$ cent \$\psi\$ amount an anger amounts, on Jan. 16. The Tradesmen's Fire Insurance Company will pay, Jan. 3, a dividend of 31 P cent. The Mercantile Fire Insurance Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 P cent, payable on and after the 3d proximo. The following semi-annual dividends have been de-clared by Newark Corporations, payable on and after Jan. 3: Newark Banking Company, 5 & cent; Newark Gas Company, 5 & cent; New-Jersey Insurance Company, 10 & cent; Firemen's Insurance Company, ent (payable 5th); Newark Saving Institution, 3 * cent; Howard Saving Institution, 3 * cent payable December 1); the Newark Mutual Assurance Company an annual dividend of 10 & cent. The Nassan Bank will pay, Jan. 3, the interest coupons on the bonds of the Muskingum County and City of Zanesville, Obio. The coupons on the Jersey City Water Bonds will be paid at the Continental Bank of this city, or at the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, Jerey City. The transfer books of the Reading Railroad close on the 31st inst. and reopen Jan. 10. The Bank of Commerce has received the funds for the payment of the interest on the State debt of Missouri, due Jan. 1. That institution will also pay the coupons on the

bonds of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago and Aurora, and Central Military Track Railroads; also the coupons of the St. Louis Gas Light Company, Guernsey Company, Ohio, and the City of New-Haven. Fifty thousand de "ars of the bonds of the Honsatonic Railroad Comp. Jy, due Jan. 1, 1860, and all coupons falling due at the same time, will be paid on and after Jan. 3, at the office of Messra. Ketchum, Howes & Co., No. 40 Exchange place. The Suffolk Bank has thrown out the Norumbega Bank, Bangor,

Me., to-day. The earnings of the third week of December on the Michigan Southern road were:

. €5,050 68 The Chicago and Rock Island for the same week which we gave in round numbers yesterday, were:

Increase.... The earnings of the Michigan Central Railroad for the third week of December were:

The annexed is a copy of the official statement upon which the dividend of 3 \$\psi\$ cent was recently declared by the New York Central Railroad Company. The earnings for December and January are estimated at the same as was carned in the same months of the

August, 1859, actual.
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he gross receipts. The expenses of the year ending 30th September, according to the annual report, were a trifle over 54 \$\psi\$ cent. Of the surplus, \$150,000 have been appropriated toward building an iron elevator at Buffalo, to replace the one burned last month. The elevator has been lessed for ten years, at \$30,000 per annum. Stockholders were entitled to the above in-formation as soon as the dividend was declared, and censure should, and does, fall somewhere for the delay.

fuel movement of the year ending 30th Sept., 1859.

Stock on Hann, Sum, at 1868.

10,755 cords paid for from Sept. 30, 1868, to Sept.

30, 1850, including cost of distribution and proparing for use. Average cost, \$4.27. 124,600 Average cost \$2 321.

Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1858.

Amount purchased and poid for during the year. Total..... pount on hand Sept. 30, 1839.... The business of the Clearing-House to-day was \$21,734,000. The new Treasury Notes, bearing 6 per cent interest, are held at I per cent premium, but some sales have been made at | per cent. One of the largest pidders has arranged to make a large portion of their

account. The annexed is an official statement of the

deposit at Philadelphia and Boston, which will dimin-ish the drain of gold from our banks. The movement of money is active to-day, without important change in rates, which are, however, hardening. Demand loans and paper are 6 27 per cent. A new Fire Insurance Company is being organized, to be called the "Grin-nell." The Directors of the Michigan Southern road are in session here, considering ways and means to are in session here, considering ways and means to pay the overdue coupens on the Sinking Fund bonds. Mr. R. S. Oakley, formerly Cashier of the American Exchange Bank, has accepted the Presidency of the "National Bank-Note Company," just formed. The company have an ample capital, and artists of ac-knowledged ability. The members of the company are among some of our best known citizens. The Trustees are: Robert S. Oakley, "Cashier American Exchange Bank New York, James T. Soutter. Exchange Bank, New-York; James T. Soutter, President Bank of the Republic, New-York; Samuel Stiles, Fitch Shepard, William D. Nichols, James MacDonough, George H. Danforth-late with Dan-forth, Wright & Co., and their predecessors; Lloyd Glover, formerly Agent of Danforth, Wright & Co., Boston; John H. Van Antwerp, Cashier New York State Batk, Albany; R. S. Oakley, President; J. T. Soutter, Vice-President; Samuel Stiles, Treasurer; J. MacDonough, Secretary.

The annexed circular has been issued by the Michi-

gan Central Railroad Company, and will be found of much interest to the stock and bondholders:

THE SIGNIOAN CENTEAL RAILMOAD COMPANT.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 34 CITY EXCHANGE,
Boston, Dec. 21, 1859.
To the President and Directors of the Michigan Central Rails Company:
General and Company:
The state of the income account is as follows, vist:
Dr. Income Account—Receipts of Road—Contra.
Ct.
Dec. 1, 859—To balance of this account, P Treassarter's Report of June 1, 1859.

100,975 97
To receipts of road for six months, ending Nov. 30, 1859.

908,808 36 To balance of income account this day...

By operating account, for aix months, sading Nov. By interest account, for six months, ending Nov. 6 476,285 0T By payment to trustees of sinking funds..... By balance to new account. By balance to new account.

1SAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

The balance to the credit of this account has increased since the Annai Report of June 1, 1850, 2169, 566 50, and now meants to \$738,622 63, and amount exceeding it by cent specific expital stock. If to the gain above named \$109,646 56 is added the amount pied in October to the Trustees of the Sunking Funda, \$75,000, it will be found that during the past six months the set earnings of the road sider paying operating expositions and interest, will amount to \$108,586 50, and amount exceeding a great cent upon the capital slock of the Company.

This favorable condition of the income Account is owing printelpally to the rigid excounty with which all the expenses of the road have been watched and controlled; and although the gross nucelpis have materially decreased as compacts with the corresponding menths of last year, yet the net result shows a difference in favor of this year of \$10,782 if, in which should be added the first payment toward the second Sinking Fund of \$15,900, making in all a net gain of \$15,731 if, in which should be added the first payment toward the second Sinking Fund of \$15,900, making in all a net gain of \$15,731 if, which should be added the first payment toward the second Sinking Fund of \$15,000, making in all a net gain of \$15,731 if, which should be added the first payment toward the second Sinking Fund of \$15,000, making in all a net gain of \$15,731 if \$100.000 to \$1

Operating and interest expenditures, six months of this year..... 814,251 72

past two years, have been rairy earned by the reas, and prompty paid.

About one year since, a second Sinking Fund, was established as recurity (in addition to the first mortgage) for the payment of bonds, which it was proposed to issue in exchange for the bends of the Company maturing in 1800. Under this arrangement, bonds have been exchanged to the smount of \$60,000. There remains due of the 1800 bonds—

On April 1, 1800.

\$605,000

On October 1, 1800.

\$12,000

Second Sinking Fund, on the first day of December, i Total.... \$17,355 00 Total. Statement of the precent standing of the Michigan Central Piral Statement of the precent standing Fund.

Cash in hunds of Trustoes, as \$\Pi\$ previous statement of June 1, 1859, \$\Pi\$ source coupens, from \$\Pi\$ 50,000 in heads \$\Pi\$ 1000, from 1, Livermore, \$\Pi\$ 50,000 of \$\Pi\$ 1000 in heads \$\Pi\$ 50,000 of \$\Pi\$ 1000 in heads \$\Pi\$ 600 in heads

\$ 19,000 in bonds, at 57g \$ cent of their par value.
Commission for purchase of \$73.00 in bonds, at 1 \$\psi\$ cent on cost of same, \$40,711 fb.
Amount paid for postages and telegrame.
Amount paid for clerk hire, for six months to Oct. 1, 1859.
Balrace due J. M. Forber, 40.00

Statement of the present standing of the Received, Oct. 22, from I. Livermore. The \$11,000 in bonds, at \$50 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds, at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$77 ct. of their par value, \$1,000 in bonds at \$1,000 i

Total

We have also countersigned twenty-nine Mortrage Sends, #1,000 each, since our last Report-making in all misety five and have exchanged the same for an equal suminer of all flows which have been canceled, as provided for in the mortrage.

J. M. FORBES.

K. THAYER.

H. H. HUKNEWELL,

Mesers. Rayner & Blackwell have sold 8 lots east side of 10th-av., between 97th and 98th-sta, full in size, at \$775 P lot. Also, 3 lots south side of 128th-st., 175 ft. west of 7th-av., full in size, at \$650 P lot.

In noticing the annual report of this Company some st., 175 ft. west of 7th-av., full in cise, at \$550 \$ lot-time since, we alluded to a discrepancy in the wood The 6 lote reported in youterday's Tatsurm as baring